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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was weak in the East, mostly about steady to barely steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with first of the month business sluggish. Offerings were adequate to ample and often discounted to help move product; floor stocks were mixed, but mostly balanced, as buyers continued to monitor truck shortages and expensive fuel issues. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive and usually limited to immediate needs. Supplies of all items were at least adequate to ample with attractive prices reported to help increase movement, but with limited success. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 74.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 76.25 cents last year on October 6, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.00
BREASTS - B/S	145.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	141.00
LEG QUARTERS	48.50
WINGS	93.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand into all channels was light to fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to ample and attractively priced to help clear. Dark meat was readily available with drums in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and competitively priced to stimulate additional buyer interest. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light. The market tone was weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts, wings and tenders were ample and discounted in most instances. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to barely steady. Offers of additional whole birds were available for the light interest. Fill in trading into Chicago on 3 up Wogs noted at 47 cents. Demand was slow to moderate into retail and food service outlets with first of the month activity noted as disappointing. Floor stocks were mixed, light to fully adequate with transportation issues a definite factor. Sizes were in a full range, light to heavier than desired. Supplies of wings fully adequate, boneless skinless breast adequate to fully adequate and leg quarters adequate. The market tone was steady on dark meat items, boneless skinless breasts and wings steady to weak.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Offerings remain ample for current buyers' interest. Heavier weights in the longest position. Retail demand was fair to fairly good, best for parts. Floor stocks in fair balance with needs. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak on breast, breast meat and wings; drumsticks, thighs, leg quarters and dark meat about steady.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 1, 2005. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 1, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 1, 2005 were 6.84 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 10/01/05	2005	2004
EGGS SET	205,297	200,166
CHICKS PLACED	170,105	165,909

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 12-Nov-05 is estimated at 156.7 million head. This compares to 157.9 million head the previous week and to 159.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 67.67 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 05, 2005

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	707	105.00-189.00	109-115	115.32
TENDERLOINS	213	130.00-178.00	-	133.96
BREAST - LINE RUN	121	77.00-89.00	80-83	81.23
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	639	44.00-48.00	46	45.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,061	46.00-49.00	47-48	47.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	265	85.00-95.00	86-88	88.40
WINGS (CUT)	295	100.00-105.00	101-104	103.25
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	120	125.00-145.00	-	131.17

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
49.50-53.50	50.98

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	612	103.00-192.00	-	118.42
TENDERLOINS	208	120.00-165.00	125-130	125.58
BREAST - LINE RUN	141	75.00-89.00	79-81	80.35
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	599	43.00-48.00	45-46	45.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,221	45.00-50.00	47-48	47.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	82.00-95.00	83-85	86.00
WINGS (CUT)	111	99.00-104.00	-	101.91
DRUMSTICKS	60	47.00-73.00	-	49.04
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	105	122.00-145.00	-	131.28

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.00-55.00	53.64	51.29

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of bone-in breasts were readily available and competitively priced; boneless skinless breasts were fully sufficient. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to available with drumsticks and thighs in the longest position. Wings and tenderloins were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was continued weak on wings and tenderloins; barely steady to weak on breast items and drums, other items were no better than steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

OCTOBER 04, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125	121.73	586,680
TENDERLOINS	125-130	132.96	179,253
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	82.38	142,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	76.11	81,000
LEGS	63-64	67.42	115,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	48.02	350,440
DRUMSTICKS	50-51	56.82	92,300
THIGHS	61-62	65.74	69,320
B/S THIGHS	135-136	118.38	54,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	92.54	178,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.17	35,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.89	20,521
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.72	18,920

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 05, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125	124.25	445,800
TENDERLOINS	125	130.67	122,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	87.32	72,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	73.78	81,000
LEGS	63-64	65.15	190,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	48.25	304,559
DRUMSTICKS	50-51	58.91	69,600
THIGHS	61-62	67.22	43,160
B/S THIGHS	135-136	135.98	53,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	96.52	229,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.46	24,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.24	17,203
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.17	14,240

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
Alabama	4,119	4,082	4,033	4,382	5.35
Arkansas	5,506	5,428	5,054	5,048	5.52
Delmarva	2,316	2,318	2,299	2,384	5.79
KY-LA-TN	2,306	2,334	2,177	2,491	5.07
Mississippi	2,945	3,056	2,781	2,753	5.95
North Car	2,555	2,525	2,489	2,572	6.60
Texas	2,462	2,474	2,501	2,566	5.30
Total	22,209	22,217	21,334	23,020	5.63
Mon-Wed	66,073(A)				5.41

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Oct-05 is estimated to be 33,227,000 head up 3.69 percent from a week ago and up 6.03 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,045,000, last year 31,336,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-112
	DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Oct-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/08/05 (1)	10/01/05
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	164,454 (2)	164,359
Light hens	1,400	1,259
Heavy hens	1,399	1,483
Total	167,253	167,101

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Oct-05 is 165.7 million head compared to 163.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.8 million head or 0.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 15-Oct-05 the estimated available is 165.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 10/03/05	115,061	55,027
AM 09/01/05	118,073	52,120
CHG	-3,012	2,907
PCT CHG	-3	6

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/03/05	09/26/05	10/04/04	10/03/05	09/26/05	10/04/04
PACIFIC COAST	4,935	4,866	22,242	4,734	4,568	5,483
LOS ANGELES	133	96	337	2,536	2,350	3,271

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2005

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	82-85

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/04/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.80	1.40	1.01	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	1.00	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	3.25
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.25
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	3.00
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.95	1.20	1.05	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	3.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.75	2.50
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	.50	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	48					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 30, 2005

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	54.71	130.45	71.54	16.83	8.42	69.44
High	59.76	138.87	79.96	21.04	12.62	69.44
Mostly	54.71	130.45	75.75	21.04	8.42	69.44

SAN JUAN

Low	50.50	126.25	63.12	14.73	6.31	69.44
High	56.81	130.45	67.33	16.83	10.52	69.44
Mostly	54.71	126.25	63.12	14.73	8.42	69.44

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	54.71	122.04	67.33	12.62	8.42	67.33
High	59.76	130.45	75.75	16.83	12.62	67.33
Mostly	54.71	122.04	71.54	12.62	8.42	67.33

BECERRA

Low	54.71	143.08	84.16	16.83	12.62	71.54
High	63.12	151.50	92.58	21.04	16.83	71.54
Mostly	54.71	143.08	88.37	21.04	12.62	71.54

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were ample and competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 66 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, breast items were generally noted as in heavy balance and sharply discounted in many instances to effect sales. Leg cuts were fully adequate to ample. Demand for ample supplies of wings was irregular.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

55-82
(A)
(A)

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